

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of ~~the sequence provided in~~ SEQ ID NO:52, the complement thereof, or a fragment thereof wherein the ~~sequence of the~~ fragment consists of at least 20 contiguous residues of ~~the sequence provided in~~ SEQ ID NO:52, or the complement thereof, and wherein the fragment detects the presence of the sequence provided in SEQ ID NO:52, or the complement thereof, in a biological sample.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) An expression vector comprising a polynucleotide of claim 1 operably linked to an expression control sequence.

4. (Original) A host cell transformed or transfected with an expression vector according to claim 3.

5.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a first component selected from the group consisting of physiologically acceptable carriers and immunostimulants, and a second component comprising a polynucleotide according to claim 1.

12.-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A diagnostic kit comprising a polynucleotide according to claim 1.

16.-17. (Canceled)